

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for securitizing an obligation to purchase goods/services, the method comprising:

obligating a first party with a first obligation to purchase goods/services from a second party using first money;

5 obligating the second party with a second obligation to give a third party a portion of the first money received from the first party;

creating a trust;

receiving second money from investors;

funding the trust with the second money;

10 obligating the third party with a third obligation to give the trust a portion of the first money received from the second party; and

allowing the third party to take from the trust if the first party experiences a credit event.

2. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the credit event includes a default on the first obligation.

3. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the trust is controlled by a fourth party created by the third party..

4. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the trust is controlled by a fourth party created by a fifth party.

5. The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising giving the investors notes in exchange for the second money.

6. The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:  
 obligating the first party to sell underperforming assets to the second  
 party; and  
 obligating the second party to give the first party value in exchange for  
 5 the underperforming assets.

7. The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the value is provided by  
 the third party.

8. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the funding includes  
 purchasing a low risk asset.

9. A contractual arrangement for securitizing an obligation to purchase  
 goods/services, the arrangement comprising:

a first obligation where a first party is obligated to purchase  
 goods/services from a second party using first money;

5 a second obligation where a second party has a second obligation to give  
 a third party a portion of the first money received from the first party;

investors who provide second money;

a trust funded with the second money;

a third obligation where the third party agrees to give the trust a portion  
 10 of the first money received from the second party, and

a fourth obligation where the investors agree to allow the third party to  
 take from the trust if the first party experiences a credit event.

10. The arrangement as claimed in claim 9, wherein the credit event  
 includes a default on the first obligation.

11. The arrangement as recited in claim 9, wherein the trust is controlled by a fourth party created by the third party.

12. The arrangement as recited in claim 9, wherein the trust is controlled by a fourth party created by a fifth party.

13. The arrangement as recited in claim 9, wherein the investors receive notes in exchange for the second money.

14. The arrangement as recited in claim 11, wherein the investors receive notes from the fourth party in exchange for the second money.

15. The arrangement as recited in claim 12, wherein the investors receive notes from the fourth party in exchange for the second money.

16. The arrangement as recited in claim 9, further comprising:  
an obligation by the first party to sell underperforming assets to the second party; and

an obligation by the second party to give the first party value in  
5 exchange for the underperforming assets.

17. The arrangement as claimed in claim 16, wherein the value is provided by the third party.

18. The arrangement as recited in claim 9, wherein the trust is funded with a low risk asset purchased with the second money.

19. A method for securitizing an obligation to purchase goods/services,  
5 the method comprising:

obligating a first party with a first obligation to purchase goods/services  
from a second party using first money;

creating a trust;

receiving second money from investors;

10 funding the trust with the second money;

obligating the second party with a second obligation to give the trust a  
portion of the first money received from the first party; and

allowing the second party to take from the trust if the first party  
experiences a credit event.

20. The method as recited in claim 19, wherein the credit event includes  
a default on the first obligation.

21. The method as recited in claim 19, wherein the trust is controlled by  
a third party created by the second party.

22. The method as recited in claim 19, wherein the trust is controlled by  
a third party created by a fourth party.

23. The method as recited in claim 19, further comprising giving the  
investors notes in exchange for the second money.

24. The method as recited in claim 19, further comprising:  
obligating the first party to sell underperforming assets to the second  
party; and

obligating the second party to give the first party value in exchange for  
5 the underperforming assets.

25. The method as recited in claim 19, wherein the funding includes purchasing a low risk asset.

26. A method for securitizing cash flow, the method comprising:  
securitizing the cash flow wherein the cash flow is derived from a future obligation to purchase goods or services.

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